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**Subject:** RE: Fish v.2  
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That is great news Dan. Makes one wonder how that is happening given the degree of contamination. I also wonder exactly what species those little fellows are. It is possible that our native species have adapted somewhat to short but high concentrations of heavy metals whereas non-natives have not. Any chance of finding out?

Cheers,

Bill

**From:** Wall, Dan [mailto:wall.dan@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 7:31 AM  
**To:** butlerpeter2@gmail.com; Jim White - DNR; Barb Horn - DNR; Scott Roberts; William Simon; Chuck Wanner; Steve Fearn; Julie Butler  
**Subject:** RE: Fish v.2

I saw exactly the same thing yesterday in a orange sediment covered pool Bruce Knowltons property. Maybe 1000 YoY fry.

**From:** butlerpeter2@gmail.com [mailto:butlerpeter2@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 10:33 PM  
**To:** Wall, Dan; Jim White - DNR; Barb Horn - DNR; Scott Roberts; William Simon; Chuck Wanner; Steve Fearn; Julie Butler  
**Subject:** Fwd: Fish v.2

Fish at Zink Ranch near Trimble Lane.

Peter

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

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**Date:** August 10, 2015 at 10:03:47 PM MDT

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All,

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~~from a highly mineralized zone we likely live in an eco-zone which has probably somewhat~~  
adapted to the acidic nature of the water flowing in the Animas River for millions of years.  
While this latest incident is certainly a greatly more concentrated flow than we normally  
experience, it is not altogether out of the realm of past occurrences.

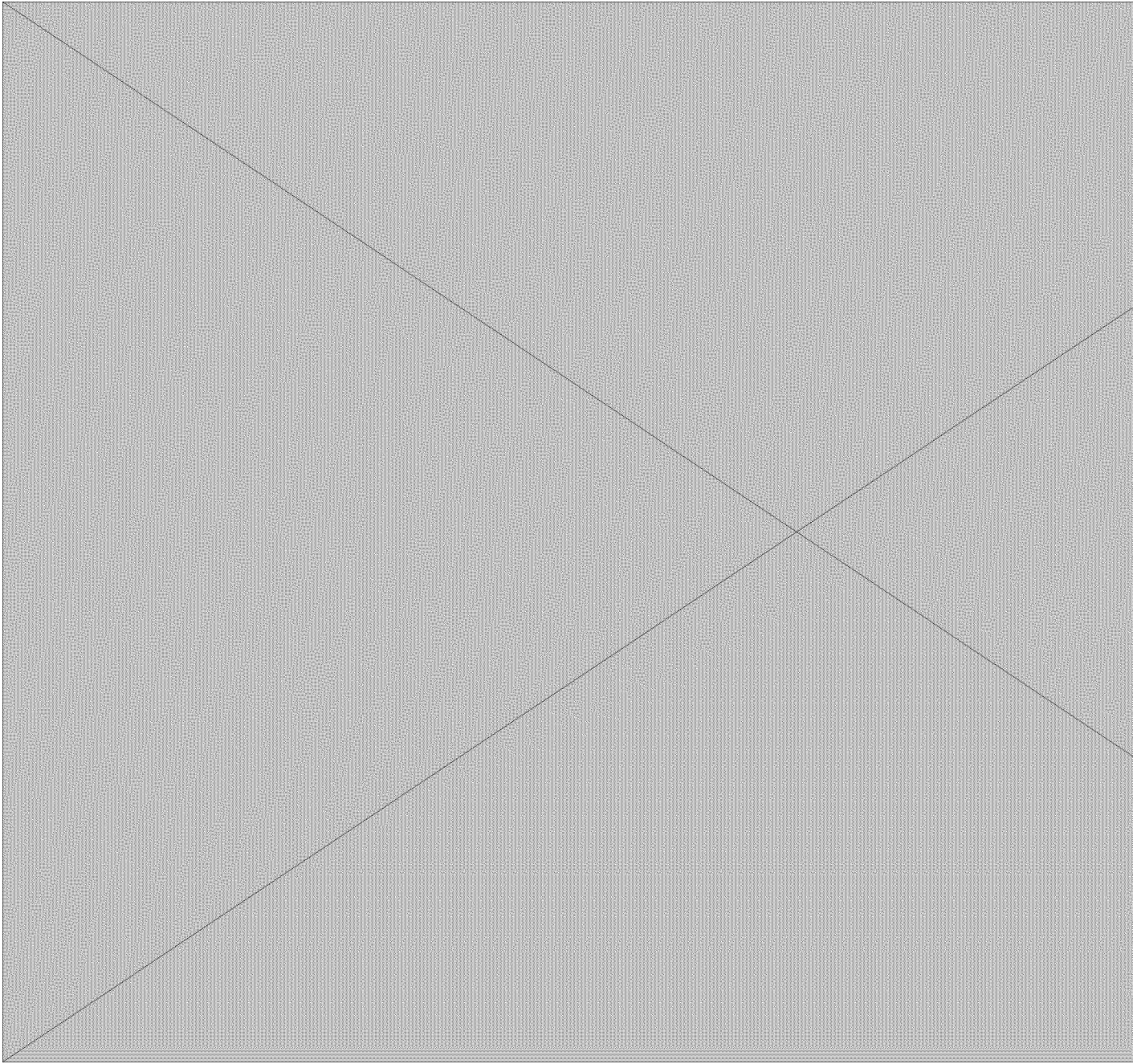
For over 60 years I have closely observed nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile of Animas River running along the  
east side of our Waterfall Ranch. Embedded are photos we took this evening (August 10,  
2015) of baby fish, most likely suckers, that are along the bank of the river by the hundreds.  
This is encouraging to us. If these small, young, susceptible fish survived the recent  
episode, it might be that Mother Nature is be taking better care of herself than we first  
thought possible.

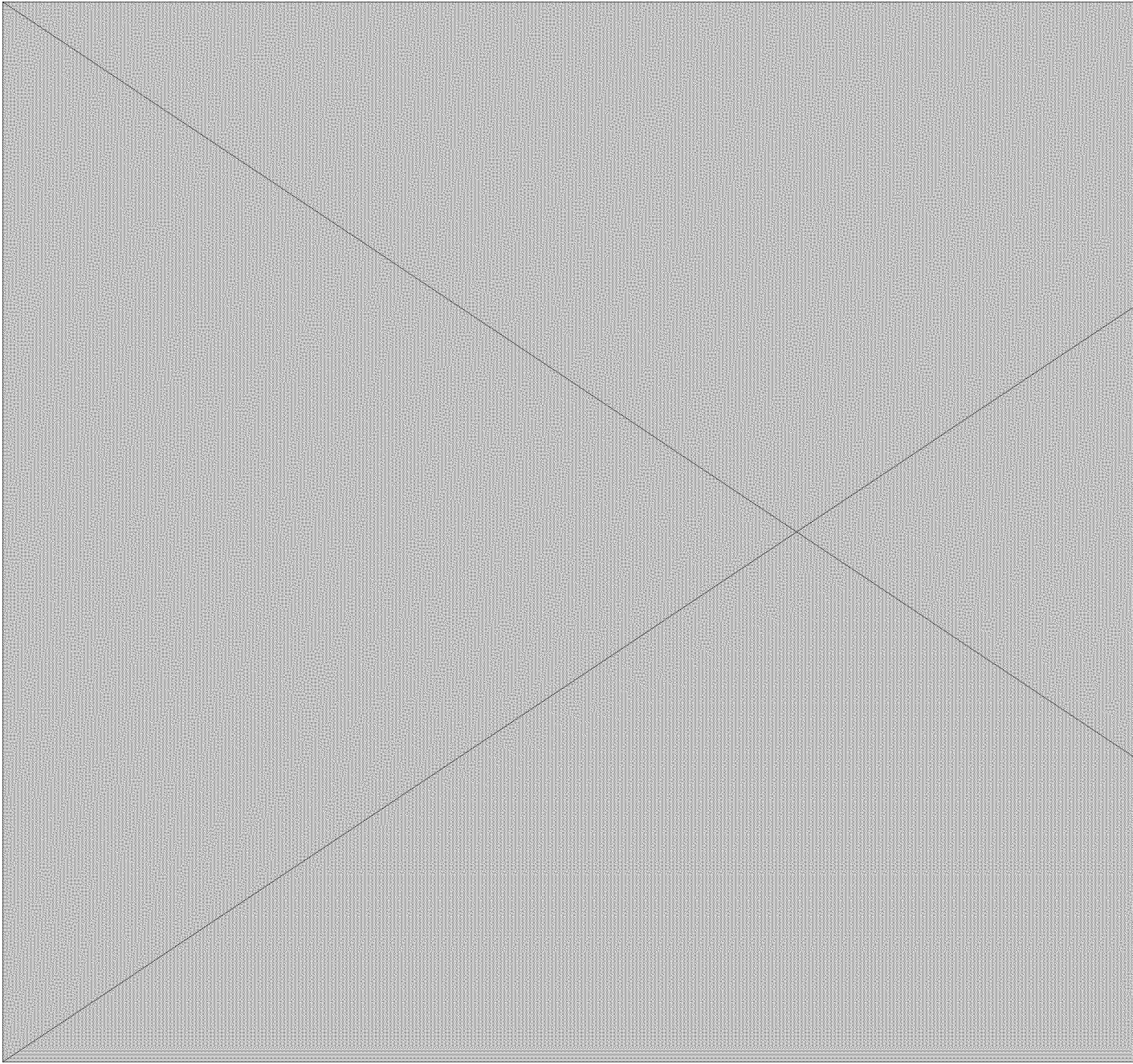
We are certainly looking forward to receiving good scientific analysis of both the  
concentration and duration of the extremely concentrated flow. This will be invaluable in  
developing both short term and long term plans to make the best of the bad situation that  
now exists.

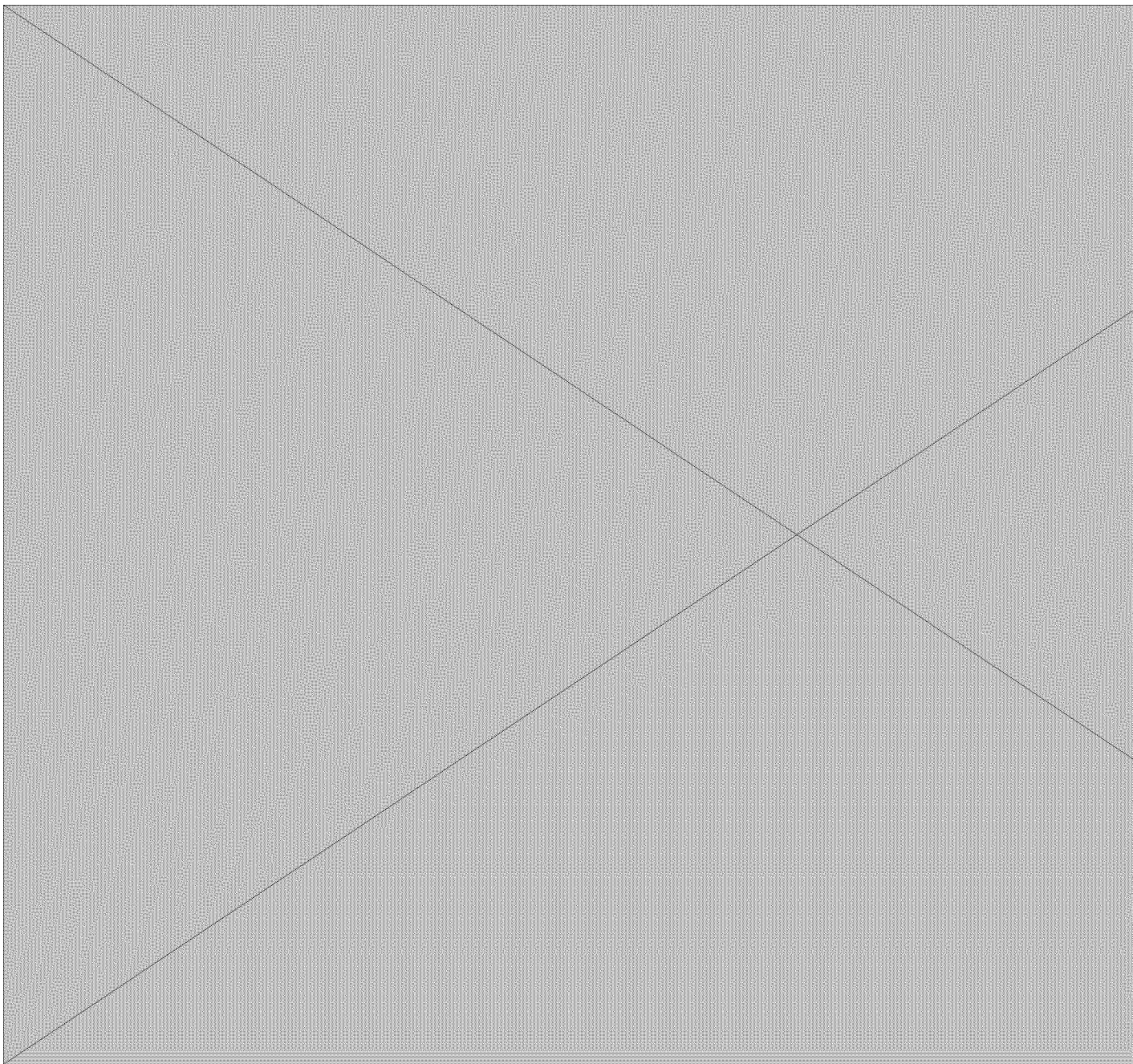
Best Regards,

Ed Zink

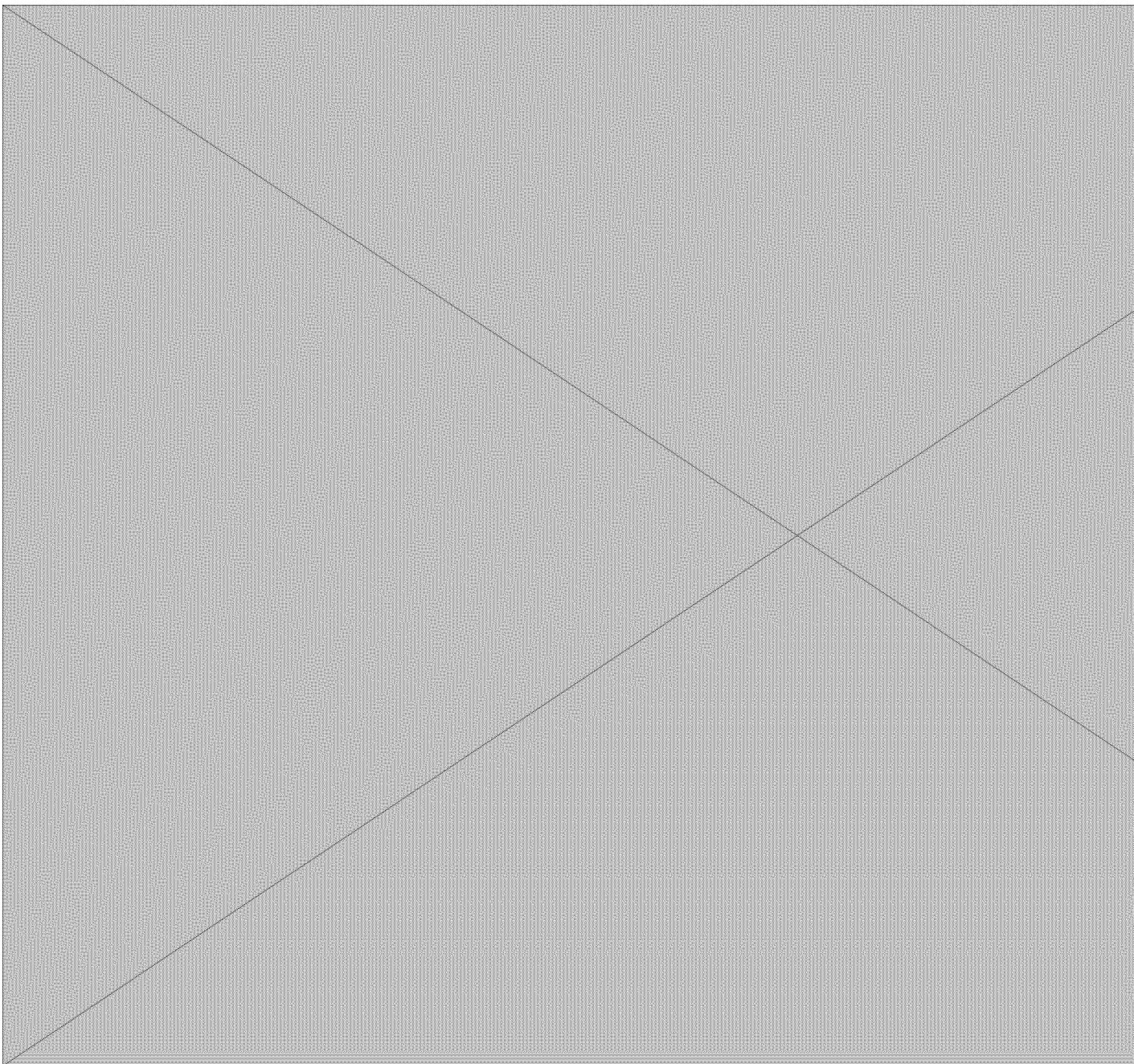
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